

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDO-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION MEETING
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of bilateral discussions held during Indo-Iran Joint Commission meeting held recently at Tehran; and
- (b) the areas where coordinated action between the two countries have been agreed upon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b) The 15th session of the India-Iran Joint Commission (JCM) was held in Tehran on 1-2 November, 2008 co-chaired by the External Affairs Minister and the Iranian Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance. Discussions were held on expanding bilateral cooperation in areas of Energy and Power including India-Pakistan-Iran Gas Pipeline Project; Trade and Commerce and related issues of banking and finance; Protection and Promotion of Investment; Industry and Mining; Information; Science & Technology; Culture & Tourism; Consular issues and Railways. Agreements and MoUs signed during the meeting were:

- (i) Extradition Treaty
- (ii) Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty on Criminal Matters
- (iii) MoU on Cooperation between Indian Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) and Iran International Exhibitions Co. (IIEC)
- (iv) Work Plan on Agriculture for the year 2009-2010
- (v) MoU on Sister Port Relationship between Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, Navi Mumbai, India and the Shahid Rajaei Port of Iran.